GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LNG TERMINAL AT KOCHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project of LNG terminal at Kochi has been pending for implementation;

(b) if so, whether the necessary formalities have been completed;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) the present status of the project; and

(e) the time by which the project would be completed and commence functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e): Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL) is setting up a 2.5 Million Metric tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) capacity LNG terminal at Kochi, with provision for expansion upto 5MMTPA. Various statutory clearances/exemptions/NOC's have been obtained. Revised Techno-Commercial and Price Bid has been received on August 17, 2007. Co-developer agreement for Puthuvypeen SEZ has been executed between PLL and Cochin Port Trust (CPT); and it has been approved by the Department of Commerce.

Process for selection of Project Management Consultant (PMC) and LNG carrier has been initiated. The draft of concession agreement and land lease agreement have been agreed between PLL and CPT.

For meeting LNG requirement of Kochi Terminal, PLL is in discussion with an Australian supplier for supply of 2.5 MMTPA LNG on long term basis from Gorgon project. The project is planned for completion in the first quarter of 2011.